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DEPT PASS AMEMBASSY OTTAWA AND DEFENSE FOR CDR/JCRC

E.O. 11652: XGDS  
TAGS: PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: CANADIAN INTENTIONS RE ICC/LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 2129

1. I DID NOT PRESENT WHAT WE BELIEVE MAY BE THE GOC FALLBACK POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE WIDELY-DISTRIBUTED REFERENCE MESSAGE. ON TWO OCCASIONS, SIMARD HAS INTIMATED STRONGLY THAT OTTAWA WOULD BE EXTREMELY PLEASED IF THE LAO PARTIES AND OTHERS INVOLVED WOULD CALL UPON CANADA TO REMAIN IN THE ICC FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT, AFTER WHICH CANADA WOULD WITHDRAW IRREOCABLY. SIMARD STIPULATED THAT SUCH A REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY "SOME MEANINGFUL WORK TO DO."

2. THIS PROPOSAL COULD ALSO MEET OUR NEEDS, SINCE AS WE POINTED OUT IN REFERENCE, OVER THE LONG RUN THE ICC MAY TEND TO HURT US MORE THAN THE COMMUNIST SIDE, GIVEN THE NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH THE PATHET LAO WILL PROBABLY GET THE RLG TO ACCEPT. I BELIEVE THAT KEEPING THE CANADIANS HERE UNTIL X PLUS 60 SHOULD BE OUR MINIMUM REQUEST. THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH THE ICC MIGHT MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE POW/MIA/DIC PROBLEM AND I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE CANADIANS SHOULD HELP OUT DURING THIS PERIOD. IF THEY WITHDRAW AFTER THAT, THE TANGIBLE LOSS TO THE U.S. WILL BE LESS AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A FORMULA WHICH

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KEEPS THE ICC ACTIVE THROUGH X PLUS 60 AND A BIT BEYOND IS A

REASONABLE COMPROMISE.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED OTTAWA AND DEFENSE.

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